

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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In order to snowmobile in Idaho, users are required to have a snowmobile use certificate, or sticker. This bill raises the resident use certificate fee to \$49.50, the nonresident use certificate fee to \$59.50, and the rental snowmobile use certificate fee to \$89.00. All fees are voluntary user fees that have not been increased since 2007. The fee increase represents an annualized rate of increase over the life of the program of approximately 3.6%. Fees are primarily used to annually construct and maintain groomed snowmobile trails throughout Idaho. Funds are also used to maintain winter parking lots, toilets, grooming huts and for equipment purchases and labor. Increased fees will be used to support these programs, and to also add support to the state search and rescue fund and to assist Idaho Department of Lands with recreation management. \$1 will also be set aside from each sticker to establish a statewide snowmobile avalanche fund. The avalanche fund will be used to support avalanche awareness education, avalanche forecasting, avalanche warning systems, and avalanche response throughout Idaho. This will promote the safety of winter sports recreation. This will promote, enhance, and increase winter sports recreation opportunities. Snowmobiling's economic impact to Idaho exceeds \$197.5 million annually.

FISCAL NOTE

No impact to the general fund. Increased revenue to dedicated funds, to wit-

- \$41,978 in additional annual funding to state snowmobile search and rescue fund;
- \$41,978 in new annual funding to Idaho Department of Lands recreation programs administration;
- \$41,978 in new annual funding to state snowmobile avalanche fund;
- \$736,663 in additional annual funding to state snowmobile fund, of which \$380,646 is derived from residents, \$328,992 is derived from non-residents, and \$27,025 is derived from rentals.

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